

PROGRAMS & EVENTS CALENDAR

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK

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Fall 2012
Winter 2013



Reservations are required for all programs!
(Unless otherwise specified.)

Become a Member of the Cromwell Valley Park
Council and save \$\$\$ on registration!

See back page for Reservation/Membership Form.

Reminder to arrive to our programs early
since they will begin promptly
at designated time!

Saturday, September 1 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Recycled Crafts - Beads & Bracelets! – Individuals/Families

ages 12+. Do you have old newspapers, magazines or wrapping paper that haven't made it to recycle bin yet? Learn how to make that old paper into colorful beads! No need to go to the store to buy beads for that bracelet you want to make this summer. All you need is some old paper, drinking straws and yarn and you will have a cool new bracelet in no time! \$2 members/\$4 non-members.

Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 5 at 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Nature, Mom & Me! - Ages 3 - 6 with Adult. Sign up for all 6 classes - 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/24, 10/31 & 11/7. You and your preschooler will investigate a different nature topic in each class through hands-on activities, stories, crafts & hikes.

Be sure to dress for the weather, including sturdy shoes. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for all 6 sessions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 5 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM

Calling all 4th thru 6th graders!

JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL HAWK CLUB!

We will meet on 9/5, 9/19, 10/10, 10/17, 11/7 & 11/14 from 4 PM to 5:30 PM. Give your child the opportunity to expand their imaginations and knowledge as they explore the wonders of nature while learning what we can do to help protect our Earth. **Make sure your child dresses for the weather and is wearing shoes to hike in.** This is a drop off program - parents need not attend. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for all 6 sessions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



Saturdays, Starting September 8

SEPTEMBER BIRD WALKS!

Spend your weekends in September at CVP! Songbird migration will be in full swing & we will be watching the skies for migrating hawks, as well. Volunteers will be on hand to assist in bird identification. **Saturdays 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29 from 8 AM to 10 AM.** Also, the *Baltimore Bird Club* will be here on **Sundays 9/16 & 9/23 starting at 8:30 AM.** So, dust off



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your binoculars & put on those hiking shoes to enjoy one of the premiere migration sites on the East Coast. **The Hawk Watch site will have someone on hand until late afternoon on all the above dates for those who can't make the morning walks.** Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!**

Saturdays, Starting September 8

HABITAT RESTORATION TEAM WORK DAYS!

Individuals/Families ages 13+. Mark your calendars and join this dedicated team of volunteers as they remove the unwanted invasive plants, and replant some areas with native plants suitable for the Park. We provide tools, but you should wear appropriate clothing with long sleeves for working in the woods. You will end the morning with the satisfaction of knowing you made a positive contribution to conserving the natural environment - and we guarantee a good workout!

9/8 at 8 AM to 11 AM then 10/6, 11/10, 12/8, , 1/12 & 2/9, 9 AM until 12 PM. Reservations **NOT** required. **Meet at the Sherwood House Parking Lot**



Saturdays, starting September 8

DROP IN GARDENING

Join us in the Children's Garden for a fall spruce-up and to put the garden to bed for the winter. We supply the gloves, tools, a little training & a BIG smile.

Saturdays Sept. 8, Oct. 27 &

Nov. 17 at 9 AM to 12 PM

Adults/Individuals Ages 13+.

Reservations **NOT** required.

For more information contact Justine

410.887.3014/

Justine@cromwellvalleypark.org



Saturday, September 8 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM

Harvest Dance – All ages. - We will gather in the barn and learn to do-si-do and promenade your partners! Enjoy some hot cider to quench your thirst. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. *Willow Grove Barn*



Wednesdays, Starting Sept. 12 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM

Calling all 1st thru 3rd graders

JOIN THE AFTER SCHOOL F.O.X. CLUB!

We will meet on 9/12, 9/26, 10/3, 10/24 & 11/14 from 4 PM to 5:30 PM. "We'll focus on eXploring" a different nature or farm theme each class with hands-on learning, outdoor games & a hike. **Children should dress for the weather, including sturdy shoes & rain gear.** Reservations required. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for all 5 sessions. *Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center*



Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 AM to 3 PM
SCHOOL FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Do you like nature? Do you enjoy working with children? School field trips are conducted daily in the Fall and Spring. We need your help to make these trips possible. No experience necessary. For more information, contact Maureen Larkin at 410.887.3014/Maureen@cromwellvalleypark.org
Willow Grove Nature Education Center

Saturday, September 15 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Marvelous Migrating Monarchs – Individuals/Families ages 6+. Be a part of our citizen science effort by helping us tag and release the migrating monarchs. Learn about their life of disguise, poison. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Education Center



Saturday, September 22 at 10 AM to 4 PM
DAM JAM ~ A Baltimore City DPW Event!

All Ages! Learn to appreciate all the work that goes into providing you the best drinking water possible & the responsibility we share in protecting & preserving our water supply.
Music, Food, Fun, Art, Historic Re-enactors & Native Wildlife Presentations. Take a shuttle ride to the Dam!
 Reservations **NOT** required. **FREE!** **Willow Grove Farm**



Friday, September 28 at 7 PM to 8:30 PM
Fall Night Hike & Campfire - Individuals/Families ages 6+.

Enjoy an autumn evening under the stars at CVP. Join us for a night hike to explore the Park after sunset and have s'mores over a campfire. Feel free to bring your favorite campfire treat! **RAIN DATE 9/29.** \$3 member/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Hawk Watch Site**



Saturday, September 29 at 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM
Youth Birding Workshop - Ages 8 to 15 (with adult if under 11). Enjoy a morning of spotting birds in a variety of habitats in the Park, followed by indoor & outdoor activities focusing on bird study skills, including high tech birding helps. Brought to us by **Marty Brazeau**, the youth birding coordinator for the **Baltimore Bird Club**. Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Education Center**



Thursday, October 4 at 7 PM to 9 PM (Part 1)
Saturday, October 6 at 1 PM to 3 PM (Part 2)
Nature Photography 101 ~ A 2 Part Series for Beginners!

Individuals/Families ages 16+. Professional photographer Mark Miller will be conducting this 2 part series on the fundamentals of wildlife photography. For more information, see our CVP Council Newsletter, or visit our website www.cromwellvalleypark.org. \$15 members/\$20 non-members for both classes.
Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Saturday, October 13 & Sunday, October 14
12 PM to 5 PM each day!
FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Come join us for family fun
"Down on the Farm!"
Pony Rides, Music, Apple Press, Family Games & Crafts, Puppet Show, Food, 4-H Animals!
 Reservations **NOT** required.
 Suggested donation is \$5 per car.
Willow Grove Farm

Friday, Oct. 19 at 5 PM to Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10 AM

Fall Family Campout – All ages. A camping experience close to home that includes a night hike & campfire. Families should bring camping gear BUT, if you need a tent, we may have one for your use (call to reserve). BYO supper. Breakfast will be provided. **RAIN DATE Sat. 10/20 to Sun. 10/21.** \$15 per family members/\$20 non-members. **Willow Grove Family Camp Site**



Saturday, October 20 at 11 AM to 1 PM

Make a Scarecrow - All ages. We'll supply the straw, you bring a set of old clothes (kid's overalls, or bunny suit work great!), pantyhose and maybe a hat to stuff to make a decorative scarecrow. \$2 members/\$4 non-members per project. **Willow Grove Barn**

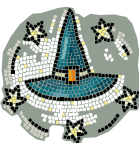


Saturday, October 27 at 10:30 AM to 12 PM
Why Do Leaves Change Color? - Ages 6 - 10 with Adult.

We will read the story **Why Do Leaves Change Color**, by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Loretta Krupinski, then go on a hike to collect different leaves found in the Park. How many colors will you find? How many shapes and sizes? After the hike, kids will get to make their own trees to take home. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Sunday, October 28 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Magical Herbalism - Individuals/Families ages 10+. Were the witches of our past really just Master Naturalists? Find out as we discover "magical" plants all around us. \$2 members/\$4 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Saturday, November 3 at 10 AM to 12 PM

Trail Day - Groups/Individuals ages 13+. You are invited to work with the Trail Club to maintain & improve trails in the Park. Help clear trails & prevent erosion to keep our trails in tip top condition. Reservations **NOT** required. **Sherwood House Parking Lot**



Sunday, November 4 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM

A-maize-ing Grain - Ages 5-7 with Adult. Corn is an a-maize-ing grain. It sweetens our foods; powers our cars; feeds our cattle, hogs, & poultry; and cooks our foods --- just to name a few of its many uses. Join us as we shuck corn & grind kernels to make cornmeal, taste cornbread & make a craft from corn. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, November 10 at 1 PM to 3 PM
Foraging in the Fall Forest & Fields - Individuals/Families
ages 10+. The season has changed and so
 have the wild foods. Join us as we search for
 roots, nuts and other edibles and sample some
 favorite recipes. \$3 members/\$5 non-members.
Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center



Saturday, November 17 at 10 :30 AM to 12 PM
Holiday Candy Making - **Ages 18+.** Learn how to
 make homemade chocolate dipped nuts, dried
 fruits, & other confections to give as holiday gifts.
 \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Na-
 ture Ed. Center**



Starting Friday, November 23



TALMAR's Tree Sales Begin! – Bring the fam-
 ily to visit the greenhouse & enjoy hot chocolate,
 coffee or tea while selecting your **Premium
 Fraser Fir Tree, Wreath, Poinsettia, Roping
 and Seasonal Arrangements.** For more de-
 tails, call 410.825.2020, or visit TALMAR's web-
 site www.talmar.org. TALMAR Greenhouse is
 located off the Sherwood Entrance to Cromwell Valley Park.

Saturday, November 24 at 10 AM to 4PM
Thanksgiving Nature Quest - **All ages.** Drop in the
 Nature Center with the family and weekend visitors
 for a 1 hour self-guided hike to see the fabulous fall
 features here at Cromwell Valley Park! Reservations
NOT required. **FREE! START AT THE Willow
 Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 1 at 10 AM to 1 PM
Holiday Open House – **All ages.** Find all of your holiday ex-
 citement on one farm. Come help decorate
 the Sherwood House for the holidays &
 stop by **TALMAR** for your tree & poinset-
 tia! Seasonal crafts, cookie decorating, hot
 cider, music, and visit with **SANTA!**
 \$2 per person. **Sherwood House**



Saturday, December 8 at 4 PM to 5:30 PM
Owl Prowl - **Individuals/Families ages 8+.** We'll
 hike some trails to look and listen for these nighttime
 predators, following a brief introduction indoors. \$2
 members/\$4 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature
 Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 15 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM
The Art of Paper Cutting ~ Wreaths & Gift Boxes - **Individu-
 als/Families ages 12+.** Go back to Colonial America and learn
 about this popular art form. Learn how paper cutting was a fun
 way to decorate the home with intricate designs
 depicting rural life. Paper cutting was often a fun
 social activity discussed over tea. So, come to
 CVP & have hot tea & cider and try your hand at
 some paper cutting decorations great for the winter
 season! **Bring old greeting cards to make your
 gift boxes.** \$3 members/\$5 non-members. **Willow Grove Na-
 ture Ed. Center**



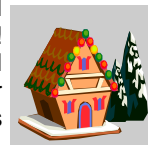
Saturday, December 22 at 1 to 3 PM
Apple Head Dolls & More! - **Individuals/Families
 ages 3+.** Learn the homespun art of making dolls from
 natural materials. Corn-husk dolls, wooden dolls, gourd
 & shell dolls will be discussed. Everyone will make an
 apple head doll to take home! \$2 members/\$4 non-
 members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, December 29 at 1 to 3 PM
Natural Ornaments - **Individuals/Families ages 3+.** Drop in
 the Nature Center & let your imagination go wild and
 create fanciful holiday ornaments with our natural
 materials. Bring a box or bag to carry home your
 ornaments. \$2 members/\$4 non-members for 2
 ornaments. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, January 19 at 1 PM to 3 PM
Make Your Own Gingerbread House - **Individuals/ Families
 ages 5+.** Back by popular demand! Gingerbread
 houses are just as much fun to make in January!
 We'll use graham crackers. Bring a bag of small
 candies to share and a shoe box to take your
 creation home. \$3 members/\$5 non-members
 per project. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, January 26 at 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Catch Those Dreams! - **Individuals/Families ages 10+.** Na-
 tive Americans believed that dream catchers en-
 hanced their sleeping by allowing good dreams
 through while keeping out the bad dreams. Dream
 catchers made from natural materials remind us
 that we are all connected in the web of life. Make
 your own personal dream catcher. Natural materi-
 als will be provided, but feel free to bring any small natural ob-
 jects that have special meaning for you. \$2 members/\$4 non-
 members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, February 2 at 11:30 AM to 1 PM
Who's Been Here? - **Ages 4 to 7 with Adult.** We'll
 learn about the clues that animals leave behind &
 hike to see who's been out & about in the middle of
 winter. A story, tracking game and craft, and hike for
 youngsters. **Dress for the weather!** \$2/members/\$4
 non-members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Sunday, February 3 at 2 PM to 4 PM
Build A Model Tree House - **Ages 8+ with Adult.** Let your
 imagination soar while you build a tree house
 using natural materials. For inspiration, we'll
 first watch a clip of the best tree house ever,
 from the movie Swiss Family Robinson. We'll
 provide the base and "tree" - you create the
 rooms, platforms, bridges, ladders & amenities.
 The sky's the limit! \$3/members/\$5 non-
 members. **Willow Grove Nature Ed. Center**



Saturday, February 16 at 11 AM to 2 PM
Great Backyard Bird Count - **Individuals/Families ages 5+ .**
 Become a citizen scientist for an afternoon as we
 identify and count the birds at our feeders and collect
 data for a nation-wide survey. Make a valentine craft
 for the birds! \$2/members/\$4 non-members. **Willow
 Grove Nature Ed. Center**





Cromwell Valley Park PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM



BEFORE MAILING THIS FORM, CALL or EMAIL to reserve space. ONCE YOUR RESERVATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, please fill out this form and mail it with your payment. (See below for details.)

Cromwell Valley Park Council Member? (Please check one) _____ Yes _____ No

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Program Name	Program Date	Number of Attendees	Price per Attendee	Total for Program

Total Program Payment: _____

****IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER of the Cromwell Valley Park Council and receive money saving benefits on program registration, please SEND IN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW with your payment.****

CVPC MEMBERSHIP FORM (Please select your membership category)

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Organization | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/ Family | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen, Individual 65+ | \$8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen, Couple 65+ | \$12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time Student | \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$500 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member | \$1000 |

Membership _____

Additional Tax-deductible contribution _____

TOTAL Membership Payment: _____

***Your dues apply to the
2012-2013 membership year,
April 1 thru March 31.***

If you would like to , make reservations, or need special accommodations, please contact the Park office:

Phone: 410.887.2503, **TDD:** 410.877.5319. **Email:** info@cromwellvalleypark.org. **Fax:** 410.823.5857.

Reservations are required for all programs, unless otherwise specified. Payment must be made within 5 business days of your reservation, or the reservation will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless CVP cancels the program.

All events are rain or shine unless a rain date is specified. Program leaders will call registered participants **only** in the event of cancellation at least 1 hour before program start.

Make checks payable to: Cromwell Valley Park Council (CVPC). The Park's Mailing Address is:

Cromwell Valley Park, 2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.

These programs are designed for individuals and families, **not groups**. They are not designed to provide childcare. Therefore, parents are encouraged to discuss attendance expectations with their children. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave at any time.

Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible by calling the Park Office, or the Therapeutic Recreation Office at 410.887.5370.